Criminal cases have been registered against persons concerned according to provision's of law, apart from impounding of forged Indian passports.

In order to gear up the machinery and to plug loopphoies, -vigilance staff has been deputed to conduct random check-ing. [mmigration stall is regularly briefed and alerted against such actvities.

Seizure of Arms and Ammuoition irou smugglers and terrorists

4581. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : WiU the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS hee pleased to state :

(a) the amount of arms and ammunition seized by Government a(various places from smugglers and lenorists, during the last three years;

(H) the market value of these arms at present; and

(e) the manner in which they axe disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement indication the available infornalion with regard to seizure of arms and ammuni-licns froin smugglers/terrorists jn various parts of the country is, !aid cu the Table of the House as Annexure. *(See* Appendix 173. Annexure No. 93)

fb) and (c) The market value of these weapons havg not been assessed since the weapons recoveied from the smugglei-s/terrorists become part of the case property in the Courts. Thereafter, these weapons are disposec" of in accordance with the diections of the Court

Vacancies in BSF

4582. SHRI 1, A. MOHAMMED SAQHY . will the Minister of HOME -MTAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last cadre review conducted in respect of Officers of the rank of Assistant Commmdart and above is Border Security Force (BSFV

(b) what are the promotion channels at present in BSF *vis-a-vis* police and other para military forces.

the number of posts of officens lying vacant in BSF, rank-wise;

(,d) what are the reaaons that the vacancies are not being filled up even when eligible officers in different ranks are available; and

(o) by when the posts are likely to be filled up on the basis of one time post from amongst the eligible officers in BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATTi IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PALIOT): (a) The last cadre review was held in 1990.

(b) Officers of BSF are governed under the provisions of BSF Act, and Rules. However, their pro motional avenues are by and large same as in other Central Para Military For ces. The Central Para Military Forces are not comperable with the State Police.

(c) The rank-wise details of vacancies are as under:—

(i) Assistant Commandant	376
(ii) Deputy Commandant	339
(iii) Second-in-Command .	5
(iv) Commandant ...	5
(v) Dy. Inspector Genera!	4
(vi) Inspector General .	2

(d) and (e). As regards the vacancy position of Assistant Commandants, 150 probationers are undergoing basic train-irig and for filling of the remaining posts, selection process has been completed re-cently. The shortages in the post of Dy. Camdt. are, however, acute as sufficient number of eligible officers are not available for promotion. The vacancy position in the other grades is transitory.

Unearl'Iiiug of a racket in sharei certificates

4583. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report as published